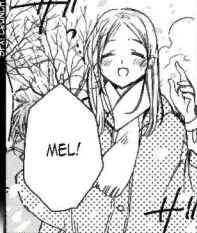
MASTER CHAPTER 16
Then how about this?
You should take in a beastkin.
For now, how about you just go and meet one.
As Colette suggested, here I am...
But is someone like me fit to be a master?
I should just go...
COME THIS WAY.
Thanks for coming all this way even in this weather
ALL THE OTHER GIRLS WERE ADOPTED
UNTIL SHE WAS FINALLY LEFT ALL ON HER OWN.
SHE'S ESPECIALLY AWKWARD AND HAS TROUBLE DEALING WITH PEOPLE, BUT...
SHE'S THE KINDEST AND MOST SINCERE AND HONEST GIRL.

She's awkward and has trouble dealing with people...
Just like me.
MEL!
SFX: CRUNCH
YOU HAVE A VISITOR.
SHE'D LIKE TO BECOME YOUR MASTER,
HERE, COME AND SAY HELLO.
TURN
RUN
GOOD TO MEET YOU.
... I'M MEL.

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MASTER

WHO MEL'S MASTER IS... THAT'S FOR MEL TO DECIDE.

STELLA, WAIT!!

CLENCH

AT LEAST...

TELL MEL THIS,

I WANT TO ANSWER HER FEELINGS PROPERLY!

MASTER, MEL-CHAN HAS AWAKENED.
SHUT
HEY, DID YOU SEE HER FACE JUST NOW?
SHE WAS SO SCARY!
kya
kya
aha
"MEL'S MASTER IS ME!"
!
giggle
This woman is unbelievable...
THAT DESPERATE EXPRESSION...

IT'S MUCH BETTER THAN HER USUAL EXPRESSION. SHE NORMALLY LOOKS SO GUARDED,
LIKE SHE DOESN'T TRUST ANYONE.
CLICK
CREAK

HOW ARE YOU FEELING, MEL-CHAN?
TRUNK
TRUNK
Stella-san...
drip
drip
SOB
It's my fault Marie got hurt.
I'm so sorry...
I TOLD HER I'M FINE, BUT SHE JUST WON'T STOP APOLOGIZING.
A scratch is nothing.
COME ON, RAISE YOUR HEAD ALREADY.
MASTER ISN'T MAD EITHER.
SNIFFLE
GLOOM
OF COURSE I'M NOT MAD.

ALL I COULD DO WAS STAY HERE AND WAIT...
I'M JUST GLAD THAT YOU TWO ARE SAFE.
hug
THUNK
THUNK
BUT MARIE, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE OFF ON YOUR OWN.
I KNOW YOU WERE JUST THINKING OF YOUR FRIEND, BUT YOU WENT TOO FAR.
IT'S THANKS TO MEL-CHAN'S MASTER THAT YOU TWO ARE SAFE.

SHE WENT TO THE POLICE AND HAD THEM PATROL DOWNTOWN, THAT'S HOW THEY RESCUED YOU.

Sorry...

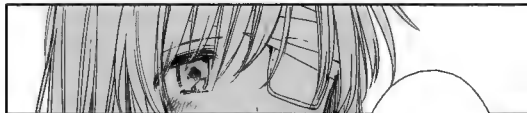
... WELL, LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT.
SMILE
WAVE
STAND
I DON'T KNOW THE WHOLE STORY, BUT...
MEL-CHAN, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DECIDE NOW.

WILL YOU RETURN TO YOUR MASTER,
OR NOT?
......
YOU'RE THE ONE
WHO CAN REMOVE THE COLLAR WITH YOUR ID NUMBER.
THE STATE GRANTS BEASTKIN THE RIGHT TO REJECT THEIR MASTERS.

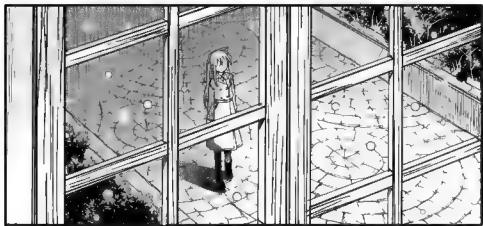
SO...
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO RETURN TO YOUR MASTER,
YOU CAN STAY HERE, WITH ME.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MASTER?
THAT WOULD BE LOVELY, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME
TO BE ABLE TO DRESS MARIE AND MEL-CHAN UP IN MATCHING OUTFITS AND SKETCH THEM EVERY DAY..
I'M SO EXCITED ♥
SFX FUFUFUFUFU
reach
...
!
IT'S UP TO YOU.

.. UMM,
clench
EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONE WHO RAN AWAY,
AND CAUSED SO MUCH TROUBLE...
I REALLY DO WANT TO BE AT MASTER'S SIDE.

BUT EVEN THOUGH I WANT TO BE WITH HER... I'M AFRAID TO SEE HER.
EVEN THOUGH I LOVE HER, IT'S PAINFUL TO BE WITH HER.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW MYSELF, IT'S SO STRANGE.
IT'S NOT STRANGE AT ALL.
PULL
THAT'S TRUE FOR EVERYONE; WE ALL KNOW OURSELVES LEAST OF ALL.

THE REST IS YOUR DECISION.
IT SEEMED TO ME THAT YOUR MASTER HAS RESOLVED HERSELF.
SHE WANTS TO ANSWER YOUR FEELINGS PROPERLY,
OR SO SHE TOLD ME.
GASP
MASTER SAID THAT...?
MEL, EVEN IF YOU'RE SCARED, YOU NEED TO BE BRAVE.
RIGHT?
I...

I WANT TO TELL MASTER I LOVE HER ONE MORE TIME.
THIS TIME, I'LL LOOK HER IN THE EYES
AND TELL HER MY FEELINGS DIRECTLY.

MASTER, CAN YOU GET THE CAR AND TAKE MEL TO-
GLANCE
IT LOOKS LIKE THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.
LOOK.

IT SEEMS SHE'S STILL WAITING OUTSIDE.
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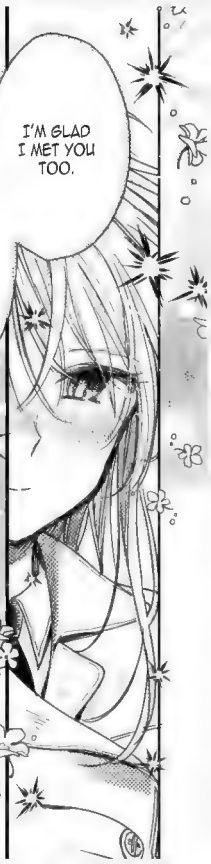
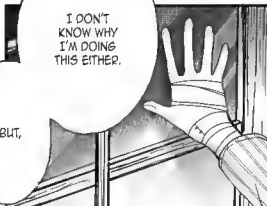
SHE'LL CATCH HER DEATH OF COLD!
It even started snowing
SFX AHA
HERE MEL, WEAR THIS.

MARIE,
YOU'RE ALWAYS SUCH A GOOD FRIEND.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
SFX HUG
I NEED TO GO BEFORE MASTER CATCHES A COLD!
CLICK
SHUT
THE REASON I'M ALWAYS YOUR FRIEND. .
IS BECAUSE
I LOVE YOU MEL.

カチャッ…
SIGH
MEL...

DO YOU REMEMBER, MASTER,
IT WAS SNOWING LIKE THIS,
THE DAY I FIRST MET YOU.
YOU WERE SO BEAUTIFUL, I WAS CAPTIVATED.
WHEN I CAME TO THE MANOR, SO MANY THINGS SURPRISED ME AND MADE ME NERVOUS.
BUT I'M SO GLAD YOU CHOSE ME...

MASTER,
I LOVE YOU.

I'M GLAD
I MET YOU
TOO.
HUMAN,
BEASTKIN,
IT DOESN'T
MATTER.
I LOVE
YOU TOO
MEL.

MEL... GOOD FOR YOU.
MARIE, ARE YOU OKAY WITH THIS?
THE TRUTH IS, YOU LOVE MEL-CHAN, DON'T YOU?
"WE KNOW OURSELVES LEAST OF ALL."
I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M DOING THIS EITHER.
BUT,

IF THE ONE
I LOVE CAN
BE HAPPY, THEN
THAT'S ENOUGH
FOR ME.

SEVERAL DAYS LATER
I DO LOVE HOW AWKWARD YOU ARE,
BUT DON'T YOU THINK YOU TOOK IT TOO FAR THIS TIME?
SFX COUGH
WELL, MY BAD!
YOUR VOICE SOUNDS AWFUL...
Oh my
IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE A COLD!
SO, HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO NOW?
... YES.

IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO, LET ME KNOW. I'LL HELP TO MY UTMOST ABILITY.
. . OKAY.
... SAY, STELLA, I DON'T USUALLY SAY THIS,
BUT I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP.
IT'S FINE.
AFTER ALL, I LOVE YOU.
AND OF COURSE, MEL-CHAN AS WELL.
I see

ALSO... WHEN MEL-CHAN COMES TO YOUR ROOM, KEEP IT IN MODERATION, SO SHE DOESN'T CATCH YOUR COLD.
WELL THEN.
CLICK
BEEP
KEEP WHAT IN MODERATION?
BEEP
What was that ?
CREAK
MASTER,
YOUR FEVER HASN'T GONE DOWN?
HERE'S ANOTHER COOL TOWEL.
I STILL FEEL FEVERISH, BUT I'M MORE COMFORTABLE NOW.
THANK YOU.
You can put it right there

STARE
UMM... MASTER, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK...
FIDGET
FIDGET
IF YOU GET TOO CLOSE, YOU'LL GET SICK TOO.
ONCE YOU RECOVER FROM YOUR COLD,
CAN I SLEEP IN YOUR BED AGAIN LIKE BEFORE?
OH... UHH. . OF COURSE...
I want to hug her...
keep in moderation
BLUSH

ahem
... SAY, MEL,
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF I TOLD YOU THAT WE WERE LEAVING THE MANOR
AND GOING SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY?
SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY...?
ARE WE TAKING A TRIP BY TRAIN AGAIN?
NO, NOT A TRIP.

WE'D BOARD MANY TRAINS,
AND EVEN A SHIP.
SOMEWHERE WITH FEWER PEOPLE THAN HERE. I GUESS YOU WOULDN'T LIKE LIVING IN A SMALL HOUSE IN AN UNKNOWN PLACE.
I...
CLENCH

AS LONG AS IT'S WITH YOU, I'D GO ANYWHERE.

YOU'RE MY HOME, MASTER.

NOVEMBER 12TH,
CLOUDY
I'VE COMPLETELY RECOVERED
FROM MY COLD. IT'S BEEN A WHILE
SINCE I'VE SLEPT TOGETHER WITH MEL,
AND IT'S AS WARM AS I REMEMBER.
STELLA TOLD ME THAT THERE ARE
COUNTRIES WHERE HUMANS AND
BEASTKIN COEXIST IN A WAY DIFFERENT
FROM HERE. I HAVE A LOT OF THINGS
I NEED TO THINK ABOUT NOW.
NOW THAT WE ARE
LOVERS, WE DON'T
NEED A COLLAR
ANYMORE.

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